

ARTICLES TO BE MINISTRED ENQVIRED OF, AND ANSVVERED:

In the first Visitation of the Right
Reuerend Father in GOD, ROBERT, *Wright*
by Gods Diuine providence,
Lord Bishop of Couentry and
Lichfield. 7035.

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The tenour of the oath to be ministred
to the Church-wardens, and
Sworne-men.

YOU shall sweare, that all affection, favour,
hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare
of displeasure, or malice set aside; you
shall upon due consideration of the Articles gi-
ven you in charge, present all and every such per-
son, of, or within your parish, as hath commit-
ted any offence mentioned in these, or any of
these Articles, or which are vehemently suspe-
cted, and defamed of any such offence: where-
in you shall discharge your consciences, upright-
ly, and according to truth, neither of malice pre-
sent any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affecti-
on sparing to present any, and so conceale the
truth, having in this action God before your
eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine truth,
and to suppress vice. So helpe you God, and by
the contents of this Booke.



Of Divine Service and administration of the Sacraments



1. Item, whether is the prescript forme of diuine seruice bled by your Minister vpon Sundayes and holy dayes, and holy dayeues, according to the booke of Common Prayer, and whether doth your Minister duly obserue all the Orders, Rights and Ceremonies prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer, alsoell in reading publike prayer, as also in administering the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as in the Booke of Common Prayer is prescribed and is enioyned by the 13. and 14. Canons.

Prescript forme of diuine seruice

2. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate doth reade the Letanie vpon Wednesdayes and Fridayes as is required by the 15. Canon.

Reading of the Letanie on wednesdaye and fridaye

3. Item, whether doe the Householdiers that dwell within halfe a mile of the Church or Chappell, either frequent the Church themselves to heare the Letanie, or else send one of euery such family to loyne with the Minister in the prayers of the Church according to the aforesaid 15. Canon.

Frequenting the Church wednesdaye and fridayes

4. Item, whether is there due reuerence and humble submission bled in the Church or Chappell, as by the 18. constitution is prescribed.

Reuerence in time of diuine seruice.

5. Item, whether is there any that sitteth couered in Church or Chappell at the time of Diuine seruice, except for some infirmities, he weare a night Cappe or Coiffe.

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6. Item, whether doe all persons present in the Church or

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Chappell kneele reverently upon their knees, when the generall Confession, Letanie, or Prayers is read, and stand up at the saying of the Crede according to the 18. Canon.

7 Item, whether is there any in your parish that in time of Divine Service, when the Name of our Lord Jesus shall bee mentioned, doth not reverently bow body or knee, testifying by that outward gesture their inward humility and Christian resolution as is fully expressed in the aforesaid 18. Canon.

8 Item, whether hath any person lurked and typled in Tavernes or Alehouses, or stood idle in the Church yard or Church porch upon Sundayes or holy-dayes, or bled his or their manuell Crafte upon the said dayes, or otherwise prophaned them in any sort, and especially in the time of Divine service as is required in the 19. canon.

9 Item, whether the Churchwardens doe provide against every Communion with aduice of the Minister a sufficient quantity of the finest white Bread, and the best and most wholesome wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receive, as is required by the 20. Canon.

10 Item, whether is the Wine brought to the Communion Table, in a cleane standing pot or scoope of pewter, if not of purer mettle, as is required in the aforesaid 20 Canon.

11 Item, whether your Minister doth administer the holy Communion, so often, and at such times as that every parishioner may receive the same at least thrice in every yeare, to wits once at Easter, as by the booke of Common prayer is appointed, and whether doth your Minister receive the same himselfe on every day befoze that he administreth it to others, & use the words of the institution according to the booke at every time that the bread or wine is renewed, in such manner and forme as by the promise of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherein is he faulty, and whether is warning given by him befoze hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth.

12 Item, whether doth your Minister administer the said Communion to any that doth not humbly kneele at the receiving of the same, and what are the names of them that refuse to kneele at the receiving thereof.

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13 Item, Whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offenders or schismatics to the Communion, contrary to the 26. or 27. constitutions. Offenders to be tried.

14 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, without license from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelor, solemnize marriage betwixt any parties, the Banns not being thre severall sundays or Holydayes first published in time of Divine Service in the senerall Churches or Chappels of their senerall abode, according to the Booke of common Prayer, and that also betwene the houres of eight and twelve in the forenoone: And furthermore, whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons, being under the age of xxi. yeres, although the Banns be thrice asked, before such time as their parents have made knowne unto him their consent thereunto, and whether hath he married any of another Diocese, who are they, and by what authority and when: Canon 62. Unlawful marriages.

15 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe every Sunday bid Holydayes, and fasting-dayes, as by the Booke of common Prayer is appointed, according to the 64. Canon. Bidding of fast days and Holydays.

16 Item, Whether is your Minister painefull in visiting the sick according to the Booke of common Prayer, as is required by the 67. Canon. Visiting the sick.

17 Item, Doth your Minister use the forme of thanksgiving to women after childbirth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without license of his Ordinary; and whether have any married wives refused to come to Church, according to the Booke of common Prayer, to give God thanks after childbirth, in such usual and decent manner as anciently hath bin accustomed: If any be faulty herein you shall present their names. Thanksgiving after childbirth.

18 Item, Whether is there any stranger of any other Parish admitted to receive the Communion in your Parish, contrary to the 28. canon, and whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion in any private house, except it bee in the time of necessity, contrary to the 71. Canon. No stranger to be admitted.

19 Item, Whether doth your Minister or any other appoint any Fasts without authority.

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any publike or priuate Fast without lawfull authoritty, contrary to the 72. Canon.

20 Item, Whether are there any priuate meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles either by day or by night vsed or had within the Parish by any Minister or Ministers, or any lay persons tending to faction or schisme; declare the parties names, the places where, the times when, and how often haue you knowne any such meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles, contrary to the 73. canon.

21 Item, Whether doth your Minister weare the Surples whilst he is saying the publike Prayers, and administering the Sacraments; and if hee be any Graduat, whether then doth he also weare vpon his Surplesse during the time aforesaid such a Hood as by the order of the Vniuersitie is agreeable to his degree, as is required by the 58. canon.

22 Item, Whether doth your Minister on every Sunday and Holy-day for halfe an houre and more examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the Tenne Commandements, Articles of beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of common Prayer: And whether Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses bring their children, seruants, and apprentices thither to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein, and those that doe not their duties herein you shall present their names, as is required in the 59. canon.

23 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, frequent Tavernes and Ale-houses, or is giuen to drunkenness, drinking, carding, or other vnlawful games, forbidden by the 75. cano.

24 Item, Whether doth your Minister prepare children for Confirmation, according to the 61. canon.

25 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish that will come to heare Sermons, that will not come to heare publike prayers, appointed by the Booke of Common Prayer, making a schisme, or diuision betwene the vse of publike prayer and preaching.

26 Item, Whether doe all persons aboue the age of sixteen yeres vsually resort to heare Diuine Services vpon Sundays and Holy-daves appointed: and whether haue each one of your parishioners (being aboue the age of sixteen yeres aforesaid)

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said) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yeare, and chiefly once at Easter last in your Parish Church kneeling; if no; then you shall present their names which haue not so done,
Canon 21.

27 Item, whether your Minister and Parishioners vse perambulation, according to the appoyntment of the Church.

28 Item, whether is the fifth day of Nouember obserued and kept festiuall, as by a speciall Act of Parliament in that case provided is appoynted.

29 Item, whether doth your Minister vse to signe the children with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common prayer, as is required by the 30. Canon.

30 Item, whether doth your Minister refuse to christen and bury as is entoynd in the 68. and 69. Canons.

31 Item, whether any person whosoever, who hath not communicated be admitted to bee a Godfather or Godmother, contrary to the Law and 29. Canon.

32 Item, whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiestie, King Charles, Queene Mary, Prince Charles, Princesse Mary, and the Lady Elizabeth the Kings only sister, and her Royall Progenie, with addition of such Stiles and Titles as are due and appertayning vnto his Maiestie, and exhort the people to obedience to his Highnesse, and other Magistrates being in authority vnder him, Canon 55.

33 Item, whether is there any in your Parish that impugneth or speaketh against the Rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them, you shall present their names contrary to the 6. Canon.

34 Item, whether is there any in your parish that doth impugn any of the Articles of Religion, agreed vpon in Anno Domini 1562. and established in the Church of England,

35 Item, are there any in your parish that doe impugn the government of the Church of England vnder the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming the same is unchristian, or repugnant to the word of God, contrary to the 7. canon.

36 Item,

Perambulation.

Fift of Nouember.

Signe of Crosse in Baptism.

Refuse to christen and bury.

No communicants, no godfather.

A prayer for the King.

Impugner Rights and Ceremonies.

Articles of Religion.

Impugners Church government.

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36 Item, whether is there any in your parish that doth separate himselfe from the Church of England, and combine himselfe with any other in a new brotherhood, accounting those that are conformable to the State Ecclesiasticall, in Doctrine, Government, and Ceremonies, unworthy to ioyne with him in Christian profession, contrary to the 9. canon.

37. Item, whether is there any in your parish that doth maintaine such as refuse to subscribe to the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, prescribed in the Communion booke, contrary to the 10. canon.

38 Item, whether is your Minister resident with you upon his benefice: or for how long time hath hee bene absent: and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he: canon. 41.

39 Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, preach usually according to the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure, or else in some other Church or Chappell neere adjoining, whersin no Preachers are: or how oft hath he bene negligent in that behalfe: canon 45.

40 Item, whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one: if yea, then what other Cure doth hee serue, contrary to the 45. canon.

41 Item, whether doth your Parson or Vicar, not being a Preacher, procure monethly Sermons to bee preached by some licensed Preacher, as is required by the 46 canon; and when there is no Sermon doth read the Homilies prescribed by authority.

42 Item, whether doth your Parson or Vicar, being Canon of any Cathedrall or collegiat Church, (and not a Residentiary) absent himselfe from his Benefice with Cure, above the space of a moneth in the yeare, vntill it be for some urgent cause allowed by the Bishop of the Diocese, contrary to the 44. canon.

43 Item, whether any person hath bene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue known to haue bene sufficiently licensed.

44 Item, hath any bene suffered to preach in your Church

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02 Chappell without shewing his licence to the Minister, 02 Churchwardens, and subscribing his name, as the 50. and 52. canons require. Strange preachers to subscribe their names. Refuseis of the Communion, &c. because the Minister is preacher.

45 Item, Is there any in your parish that refuseth to haue their childzen baptized, 02 themselves to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no preacher: you shall present their names. And if your Minister since the publishing of the said Booke of Canons, hath receiued any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, 02 baptized any of their childzen: you shall likewise present him, as the 57. Canon requireth.

46 Item, Whether hath your Parson, Vicar 02 Curate endeauoured to confute any Doctrine deliuered by any other preacher in the same Church, 02 any other nere adioyning. before hee hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocesse therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case, according to the 53. Canon. Opposition betweene preachers.

47 Item, Whether hath any of your parish of late followed Strange preachers, vnlicensed, suspended, 02 schismaticall, from parish to parish, present the parties, and the places to which they resorted. Ranning after schismaticall preachers.

48 Item, Whether doth your Minister v'se such decency and comeliness in his apparell and attyre, as by the 74 Canon is insoynd: and whether is he of sober conuersation. Decencie in apparell, and sobriety in conuersation.

Things appertaining to the Church.

Item, Whether haue you provided the Bible of the new translation, lately set forth by the Kings authoritie, the booke of Common Prayer, and the booke of Homilies, as the 8. Canon requireth. Bookes necessary for the Church.

2 Item, Whether you haue in your Church 02 Chappell a Font of Stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place, as the 81. canon requireth. A Fonte.

3 Item, Whether haue you a decent Communion Table, with a carpet of Silke, 02 some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at convenient times, as the 82. canon requireth. Communion Table, &c.

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4 Item, Whether is the same table then placed in such convenient place within the Chancel of Church, as the Minister may be best heard in his prayer, and administration of the Sacraments.

5 Item, Whether all the ten Commandments are set upon the East end of the Church or Chappell where the people may best see them, and reade them, and other sentences of Scripture written upon other places of the walls also to that purpose, as the aforesaid 28. canon requireth.

6 Item, Whether you have a convenient seat for your Minister to reade Service, together with a comely Pulpit set up in a convenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surplesse, a faire comely cup of gold, silver, or other pure mettle, and a cover agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessarie for the celebration of divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, as the 83. canon requireth.

7 Item, Whether you have a Chest for Almes with a hole in the upper part thereof and three keyes, &c. as the 84. canon requireth.

8 Item, Whether doth your Minister diligently from time to time, and especially when men make their last Wills and Testaments, call upon, exhort and move their neighbours to convert, and give as they may well spare to the said chest, as they are required by the aforesaid 84. canon.

9 Item, Whether doe you know, or have heard of any Legacy by any mans Will or gift otherwise given to the poore, to the Church or any other holy uses, and not performed or bestowed according to his Will and gift.

10 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancel thereof and Churchyard kept in good reparation, and in decent and comely fashion as well within as without as in paving of the Church, maintaining of Seates, whitening, glazing, tyling, walling, raying, paling, &c. as is required in the 85. Canon.

11 Item, Whether have you a Rectory of glebelands, tithes, and other possessions belonging to the Church, Parsonage, or Vicaridge

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Wicaridge by the view of honest men of your Parish, by the appointment of the Bishop, and whether is the same laid up in the Bishops Register, as the 87. Canon requireth.

12 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell profaned by any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-Alms, Drinkings, which are forbidden in the 88. Canon.

Prophaning
of the Church

13 Item, Whether you have in your senerall Church or Chappell, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiastical ready to be read by your Minister, according to his Pastors pleasure published by his Highnesse authoritie vnder the Great Seale of England.

Booke of
Canons.

14 Item, Whether is your Parsonage or Wicaridge house, and all houses thereunto belonging, kept in decent and good repair, both in clying, glasing, walling, &c.

Reparations
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of the Ministers
houses

15 Item, Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment Register Booke provided for christnings, marriages, and burials: and whether is the same duly and exactly kept, according to the constitutions in that behalfe provided.

Register
Booke.

Of Schoolemasters.

Item, Doth your Schoolemaster instruct his schollers, in the grounds of Religion and catechise them accordingly: whether doth any take vpon him to teach Schoole either private or publike in your Parrish, without speciall licence of his Ordinary, contrary to the 79. Canon.

Teaching
without
Licence.

2 Item, Whether is there any that teacheth in the Parish, where the Curate is desirous to teach himselfe, contrary to the 78. Canon.

Curates to
teach if they
will.

3 Item, Whether doth your Schoolemaster teach his Schollers any other Grammer then that which is allowed by publike authoritie: whether doth hee instruct them both in termes and good manners as diligently as he ought to doe; without giuing himselfe to excessive drinking; or keeping disorderly or suspected company, or giuing any other euill example of life.

Sobriety of
Schoolemasters.

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Of Popish Recusants.

Item, whether doe any Popish Recusants, or any other keepe any Scholemaster in their house which commeth not to Church, to heare Divine Service, and receive the Communion, what is his name and how long hath he taught.

2 Item, how many Inhabitants within your parish, men or women above 16. yeres of age, be Popish Recusants, or doe refuse to frequent divine Service, established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receive the holy Communion, what be their names and of what degree, state or trade of life are they.

3 Item, how long the said Popish Recusants have obstinately abstained either from Divine Service or from the Communion, as is aforesaid, whether any long time or onely since his Majesties Maigntie, or hath any lately become Popish Recusants, and how long hath he or she bin such Recusants.

4 Item, whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behaviour and doe busse themselves in seducing of others from that Religion which is established by publike authoritie in the Church of England, and whether they doe instruct their Childzen, or cause them to be instructed in Popish Religion what be their names that so doe.

5 Item, whether be any Popish Recusants married, or any of their childzen Chzistened, or any Recusant buried within your parish by any other then the Minister of your Parish, where, when, and by whom, and whether doth any of their childzen remaine unbaptized above the space of a moneth.

6 Item, whether is your Minister a Preacher or sufficiently qualified, and if he be, whether doth he from time to time offer quiet and temperate conference, to reclaim the Popish Recusants, from their errors, and whether they, or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister or any other Preacher who shall present unto them his diligence in that behalfe.

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Of excommunicate Persons.

Item, What persons are there in your parish that remains excommunicate, or any other crime, what be there names, and for what cause, and how long have they stood so excommunicate.

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cate.

2 Item, whether doth your Minister every six moneths denounce in his Parish such as do persevere in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved: and whether hath he admitted into the Church any person excommunicate, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or his Substitute.

Denoun-
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persons.

3 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, hath celebrated and said Divine service and prayers in the Church when any person he knew to be excommunicated or denounced for an excommunicate person, was present in the same Church, at that time among the Congregation and whether he hath suffered any excommunicate person (being a member cut off from the Church, and Christian society) to be partaker of those prayers, and hath not commanded the Church Wardens of the Parish, or some other, to put him out of the Church, or otherwise ceased from saying any Divine service during the time of any such excommunicated person, thereat and present, who hath offended herein, and how often.

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4 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate, of any your Churches or Chappels having received any excommunication, suspension, or aggravation from his Ordinary, or his Substitute, against any of their parishoners, have presumed to make stay of, and not publish such excommunication, suspension, or aggravation according to the Tenor thereof, the next Sunday or holy day after the recite of the same in your Church or chappel, at the time of Divine service, if any be faulty herein, present their names, and how oft default hath bene made in that behalf.

Staying this
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Of Church-wardens, Questmen, and Sidemen.

Item, whether your Church-wardens bee chosen in Easter weeke according to the 11. Canon.

2 Item, whether was your Church-wardens and Questmen chosen as the 89. Canon requireth.

3 Item, whether haue your Church-wardens befoze you, giuen by a Just Account for their time, and deliuered vnto you their successors, whatsoener money or other things of Right belonging to the Church, that was in their hands, as the afoze, said 89. Canon requireth.

Of other common disorders, crimes and scandals
to bee presented by Church-Wardens
and Side-men.

Item, whether haue you any in your parish to your knowledge, or by common fame or report, which haue committed adultery, fornication, or incest, which haue not beene publikely punished to your knowledge, if yea, then with whom; or any man that hath attempted the chastity of any woman, or hath solicited any woman, to the intent to haue the carnall knowledge of her body, or any in your parish to be Bawds, or receiuers, or conueters away of any such persons, or suspected of any of the crimes afozesaid; are there any that are, or by common report and fame, are reputed and taken to be such persons, or bee common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods Holy Name, common and vnswearers, symoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers in the Church, or Church-yard: you shall not fayle to present their names contrary to the 109. canon.

2 Item, whether haue any in your parish, receiued, or harboured any women being with child out of wedlocke, and suffered them to depart againe without punishment first inflicted on them by their Ordinary, you shall truly present aswell the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to be father of her child.

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3 Item, whether any person or persons, suspected or detected heretofore of incontinencie; and therefore departed out of your parish, is againe returned thither, or in what other place is he, or she now abiding, as you know, or haue heard: whether he or she haue escaped without penance, by what meanes, or by whose meanes, you shall present the whole truth in that behalfe.

4 Item, whether are there in your Parish, any Wills not yet proued; you shall not fayle to present the Executors, and all other faulty and culpable therein.

5 Item, whether doe you, and euery of you diligently see, that all the Parishioners doe duly resort to their Church euery Sunday and Holiday, and there continue the whole time of diuine seruice, and none to walke and stand idle, or talke in the Church, or Church-porch, or Church-yard, during that time: and whether doe all the Parishioners and their families, accordingly frequent their Parish Church, and there behaue themselves soberly, attentiuely, and decently all the time of diuine seruice, yea, or no, if no, then you shall present their names, as the aforesaid 89. Canon requireth.

6 Item, whether your Minister in his Church or Chappell, doth reade the booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiastical set forth by his Maiesties authoritie, or any part thereof vpon Sundayes or Holidayes in the afternoone, after diuine seruice, yea or not, when he is so appointed.

7 Item, Doe you know any of your Parish, that doth disturb the Minister during diuine seruice, or preaching, either by walking, talking, or otherwise, contrary to the 111. Canon.

8 Item, whether haue the not Communicants at Easter last past, beene presented to the Bishop, or his Chancellour, by their names and surnames, aswell men as women, being of the age of sixteene yeares, within forty dayes after Easter aforesaid, according to the 112. Canon.

9 Item, whether hath any person in your Parish quarrelled or stricken, or used any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in the Church or Church-yard, or used himselfe disorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour.

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10 Item, whether you know in your Parish any **Witches, Southsayers, Coniurers, Charmers, Sozcerers,** or any that bee suspected for such persons, present their names, and what hurt they haue committed.

11 Item, Doe you know any **Patron** or **Aduowser**, in your Parish, who hath made gaine, directly, or indirectly, by any colour, deceit, or **simoniacall compact**, in bestowing his benefice for gaine, receiving money, or promise of a lease of the whole or part, or by reseruing his owne tythes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other.

12 Item, whether hath the **Chancello, Archdeacon, or Officiall,** or any **Register,** or **Apparator,** exacted any extraordinary or greater fees, then hath bene accustomed; whether is there a **Table** of the **Rates** of all fees set by in their severall courts and Offices.

13 Item, How many haue you in your Parish, that doe practise as **Physicians** or **Chirurgions**: how long haue they so done: by what authority: of what skill are they accounted to be in that their profession.

14 Item, whether there be any **Hospitals, or Almshouses** in your Parish, and whether the same be bled, kept, and ordered according to the **Foundation, Lawes, and Statutes** thereof, and in whom the fault is, that they are not so bled and kept.

15 Item Hath any presumed to execute the Office of a **Minister** or **Deacon** in your Churches and to say and celebrate the **Divine Service** there, or to serue the **Cure** of your Parish, not being a **Minister** or **Deacon**: And whether any **Deacon** hath presumed to minister the **Sacraments** in any your Churches, not hauing first receiued the full Orders of **Priesthood**: if yea, present what his name is, where he dwelleth, and how often he hath offended herein.

16 Item, Doth any preach in your Parish before hee be in **Holy Orders.**

17 Item, whether haue your **Parson, Vicar, or Curate** made any **simoniacall payment**, or deuise for his preferment

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ment to your knowledge, or heare say, and what you have heard.

18 Item, Doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance worthy the presentment in your indgement, which you hold fit to be reformed: if you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oaths aforesaid.

Any other
else.

Parish Clarke.

Item, Whether is your Clarke chosen by any but by your Minister, and doth your Minister publish the said choice the Sunday after he hath made the said choice.

Choice of
Clarke.
Age and
next con-
vocation of
Clarke.

2 Item, Is your Clarke of twenty yeeres of age at least, of honest conversation, sufficient for reading and writing, and skillfull in singing.

3 Item, Doth the Clarke receive his accustomed wages either at the hands of the Churchwardens, or otherwise, as the custome of the parish is, according to the 91 Canon.

Clarke's
wages.

Of Marriages.

Item, Whether is there any in your Parish that hath married within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God, and expressed in a Table set forth by authority, Anno Dom. 1563.

Marriage
within the
degrees pro-
hibited.

2 Item, Whether have you the said Table publicly set up, and fixed in your Church, according to the 99 Canon.

Of Divorces.

Item, Whether is there any in your Parish, that hath had sentence for Divorce, upon the sole confession of the parties, contrary to the 105 Canon.

Sentence for
Divorce.

2 Item, Whether hath the said sentence of divorce been given to your knowledge, any where else, but in open Court, contrary to the 106 Canon.

Sentence given in open
Court.

3 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish, that after sentence of Separation from Bed and Board, hath contracted

Marriage after
separation.

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ted Patrimony with any other person during each others life.

These Articles following out of his
Majesties direction.

1 Item, Whether in your Parish according to his Majesties order the afternoones Sermon hath bin turned into Catechising, by Question and Answer or if not, what great Cause appariant hath there bin or is there at present to breake this ancient and profitable order.

2 Item, Whether hath your late Bishop ordeined in this Diocesse that every Lecturer doe reade Divine Service according to the Liturgie, printed by authority, in his Surplesse and Hood before the Lecture: and whether this hath beene done accordingly, and who they be that have refused so to doe.

3 Item, Whether your Towne be a market Towne, and so being, have a Lecture set up, and whether that Lecture so set up, be made by a Company of grave and Orthodox Divines neere adjoining, and in the same Diocesse: or is there any not agreeing with this description amongst them, and doe they constantly preach in Townes not in Cloakes; and what provision is made for their entertainement that come to preach; or if your town be a Corporation and doe maintaine a single Lecturer, hath he beene urged, and then refused, or professed his willingness to take upon him a Living with cure of soules within that Incorporation, and that he will actually take such Benefice or Cure fairely procured, and this before hee hath presumed to preach, or to continue to preach in such Incorporation.

4 Item, Whether have any, either Lecturers or Incumbents, and Preachers in their Sermons within your parish Churches misbehaved themselves, or what abuse or abuses hath bene done by any Preachers or Auditors to your knowladge or heare, say within that holy ordinance.

5 Whether hath any, being not a Noble man, or man qualified by Law, whose quality you shall find in the Statute, any private

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private Chaplaine in his or her house, and what is the name of every such pretended Chaplaine.

6 Item, Whether is divine service and Catechising as well frequented, as Sermons are or usually were; and who they be that doe recuse and absent themselves from this our bounden duty and service to God, and good and laudable constitutions, and deprive themselves, and theirs, of the great benefit thereof.

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